

Solo Leveling

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YOU'RE
RIGHT.




I HAVE TOO
MUCH FEAR TO
BE A HUNTER.

I'VE TRIED TO
OVERCOME IT, BUT
IT HASN'T BEEN
EASY.

AS A B-RANK
HEALER, I SHOULD BE
GOING ON A-RANK
OR B-RANK
RAIDS.

OR AT THE VERY
LEAST, C-RANK
ONES.




I KNEW BETTER,
BUT I STILL KEPT
GOING ON D-RANK
OR E-RANK
RAIDS.

THAT'S WHY
OUR PATHS KEPT
CROSSING...



...AND I HEALED
YOUR INJURES TIME
AND TIME AGAIN.


HONESTLY,
AT FIRST, I WAS
ANNOYED THAT YOU
KEPT ON INJURING
YOURSELF.



A panel showing Jinwoo and Yuna. Jinwoo is on the left, looking down at his arm. Yuna is on the right, looking at him with a surprised expression. She is holding a glowing white orb. The background is dark and rocky.

I THOUGHT
YOU WERE
RECKLESS AND
FOOLISH.

BUT...



A panel showing Jinwoo and Yuna running. Jinwoo is in the foreground, looking back over his shoulder with a determined expression. Yuna is behind him, also looking back. They are running on a rocky path. The background is a dark, rocky landscape.

...YOU
ALWAYS MADE IT,
JINWOO.

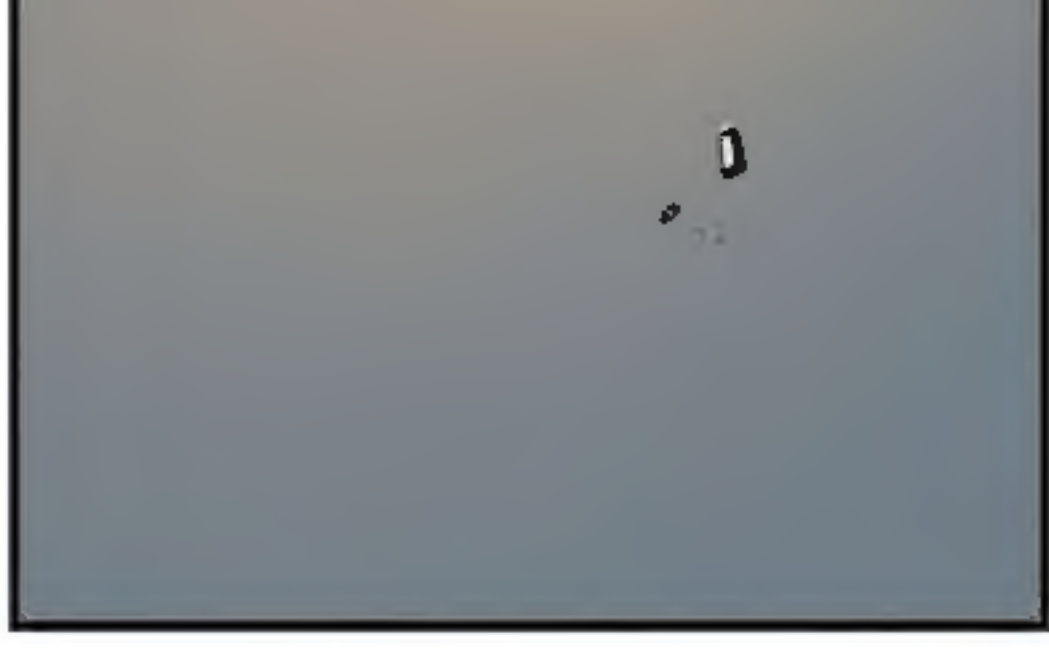
YOUR EYES
BURNED WITH THE
DESIRE TO LIVE.

IT FELT
LIKE YOU WERE
SHOUTING OUT, "I'M
GOING TO SURVIVE,
NO MATTER
WHAT!"

BUT I DON'T
THINK I CAN KEEP UP
WITH THAT KIND OF
INTENSITY.

YOU SAID YOU'D
HAVE A MEAL WITH ME
IF WE MADE IT OUT
ALIVE, RIGHT?


LET ME...
GIVE THIS BACK
TO YOU.



ARE YOU SAYING...



YES,
I'M RETIRING.



I'M THINKING
OF MOVING TO
BUSAN, WHERE MY
PARENTS LIVE.

GIVE ME A CALL
IF YOU EVER FIND
THE CHANCE TO
STOP BY.

I'LL TREAT
YOU TO SUSHI.



IF I'M
EVER IN THE
AREA,

I'LL
TRY ASKING YOU
OUT FOR A MEAL
AGAIN THEN.





S-RANK HUNTER,
HWANG DONGSOO.



I HAVE TO HURRY
UP AND BECOME EVEN
STRONGER.

THAT'S THE
ONLY WAY I'LL
SURVIVE.



HEY, JINHO.



WHAT'S GOING
ON HERE?




WHAT DO YOU
MEAN?

THESE ARE THE
MEMBERS OF OUR
STRIKE SQUAD!

EVERYONE
HERE HAS A HUNTING
LICENSE, BUT AREN'T
ABLE TO GO ON
RAIDS.




INJURED
PATIENTS,

A close-up of a man with black hair, looking slightly to the right. He has a cigarette in his mouth and is wearing a dark jacket. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.


THAT'S
HOW I ENDED UP
RECRUITING HUNTERS
WHO ARE GOING
THROUGH HARD
TIMES.

ALCOHOLICS,
AND...

A person wearing an orange hoodie with a dark face mask. They are looking down and slightly to the left. The background is a simple blue and white gradient.

A LOT
OF THEM CAME
FOR PART-TIME
WORK.

...??

A group of people wearing orange hoodies. One person in the foreground has a white star-like symbol on their back. In the background, a man with black hair and a boy with brown hair are visible. The background is a solid yellow color.

IS IT OKAY
FOR A KID TO
BE HERE?

THERE'S NO
LAW AGAINST MINORS
PARTICIPATING IN RAIDS,
AS LONG AS THEY'VE
BEEN AWAKENED.

DID YOU
JUST CALL ME A
"KID"? RUDE.

I'M A
FULL-FLEDGED
HUNTER.

YOU'RE A
HIGH SCHOOLER,
RIGHT? DO YOU
HAVE ANY RAIDING
EXPERIENCE?

UH... NO.

SO YOU'RE
AN E-RANK.

WELL,
DOESN'T MATTER.
YOU WON'T BE ENTERING
THE DUNGEONS ANYWAY.



YOU CAN JUST WAIT
OUTSIDE.

JINHO AND I
WILL BE THE ONLY
ONES GOING
INSIDE.



WE WANTED TO
TAKE CARE OF THINGS
OURSELVES, BUT WE COULDN'T
ENTER A C-RANK DUNGEON
WITHOUT A PARTY. THAT'S
WHY WE CALLED ALL
OF YOU HERE.

ACCORDING TO THE
LAW, WE NEED AT LEAST
10 HUNTERS IN ORDER
TO VENTURE INSIDE A
C-RANK GATE.

TAKING ON A
C-RANK DUNGEON BY
THEMSELVES?

ARE THEY PROS?



EXCUSE ME... WILL
YOU REALLY GIVE US
THREE MILLION WON
EVEN IF WE DON'T
ENTER THE
GATE?

YES,
OF COURSE.

YOU'LL BE PAID
THREE MILLION FOR
EVERY RAID!

I'D SAY
IT'S A PRETTY
GOOD DEAL FOR NOT
HAVING TO FIGHT ANY
BATTLES.

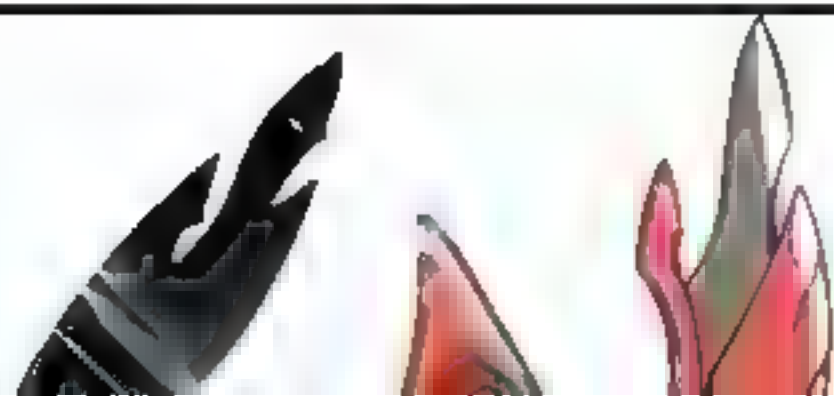
ALL YOU HAVE TO
DO IS STAY NEAR THE
ENTRANCE AND WAIT
FOR US TO RETURN.

BUT REMEMBER,
YOU MUST NOT TELL
ANYONE WHAT YOU
SEE AND HEAR
TODAY.

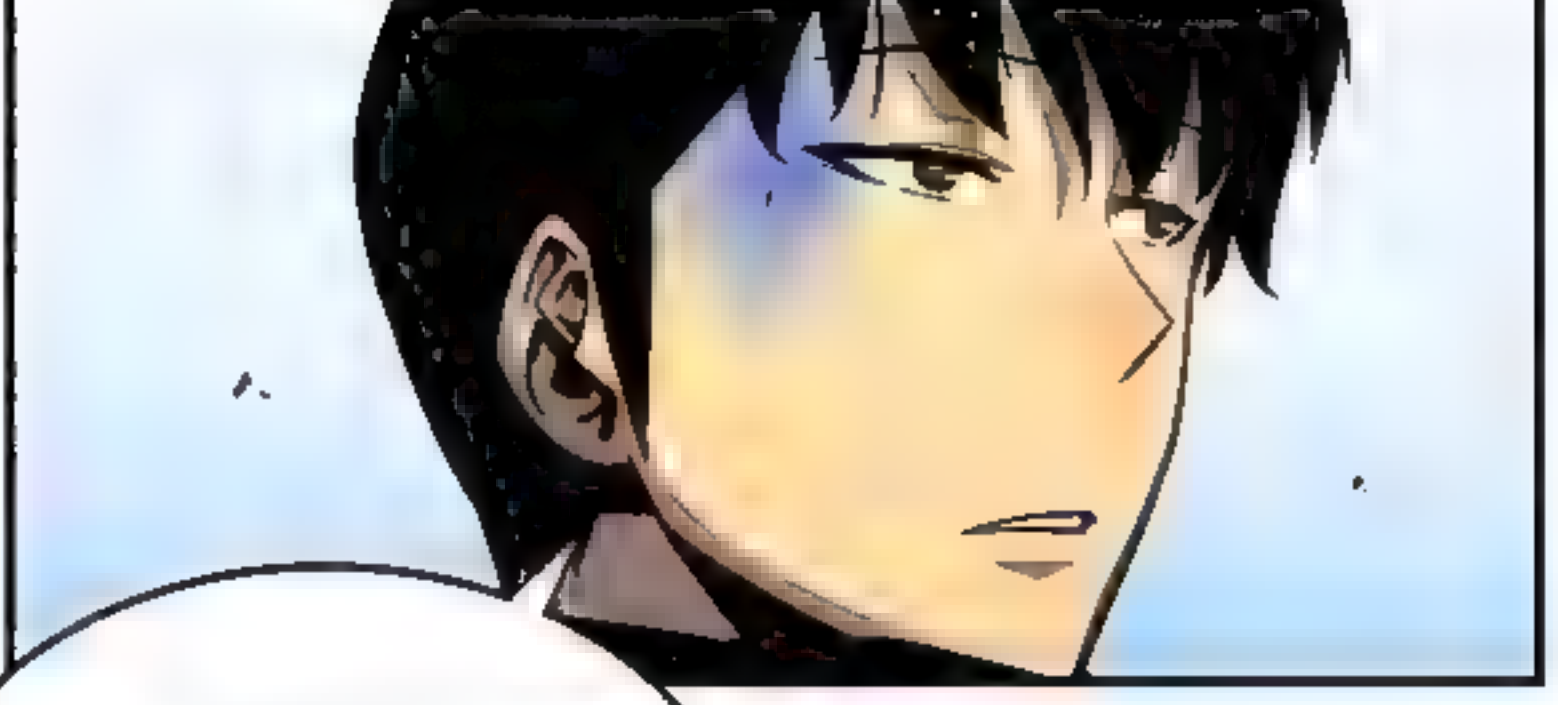
AS STATED IN THE
CONTRACT, IF YOU BREACH
THE CONFIDENTIALITY CLAUSE,
YOU MUST PAY A FINE THAT'S
10 TIMES MORE THAN
WHAT YOU'VE BEEN
PAID.

HEY, I'VE
BEEN MEANING
TO ASK...

WHAT THE
HELL ARE YOU
WEARING?







TAKE IT
OFF WHILE I'M
STILL ASKING
NICELY.



...OKAY.



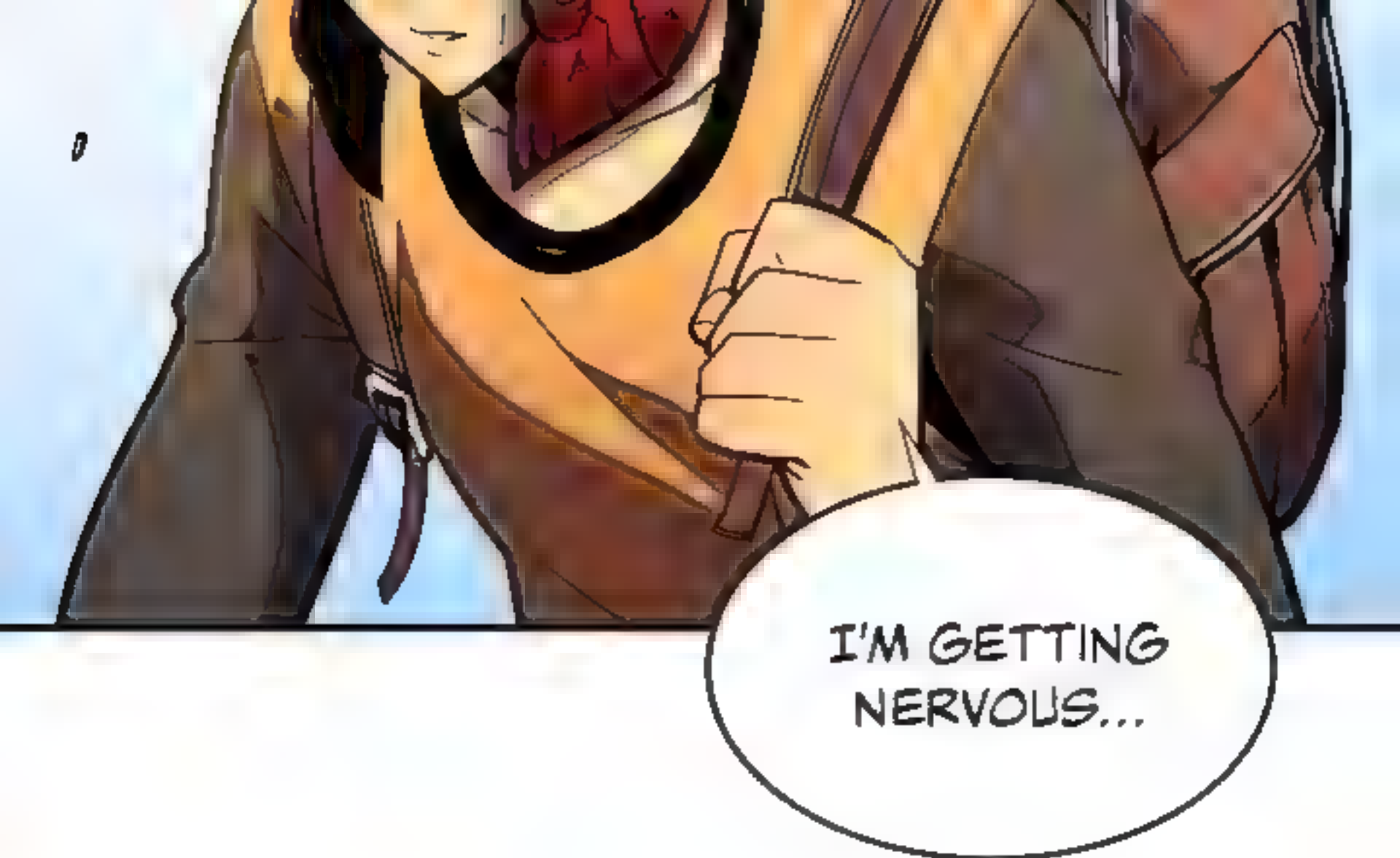
SIR...



COULD YOU
PLEASE HELP
ME UP?

ALL RIGHT!
LET'S GO!



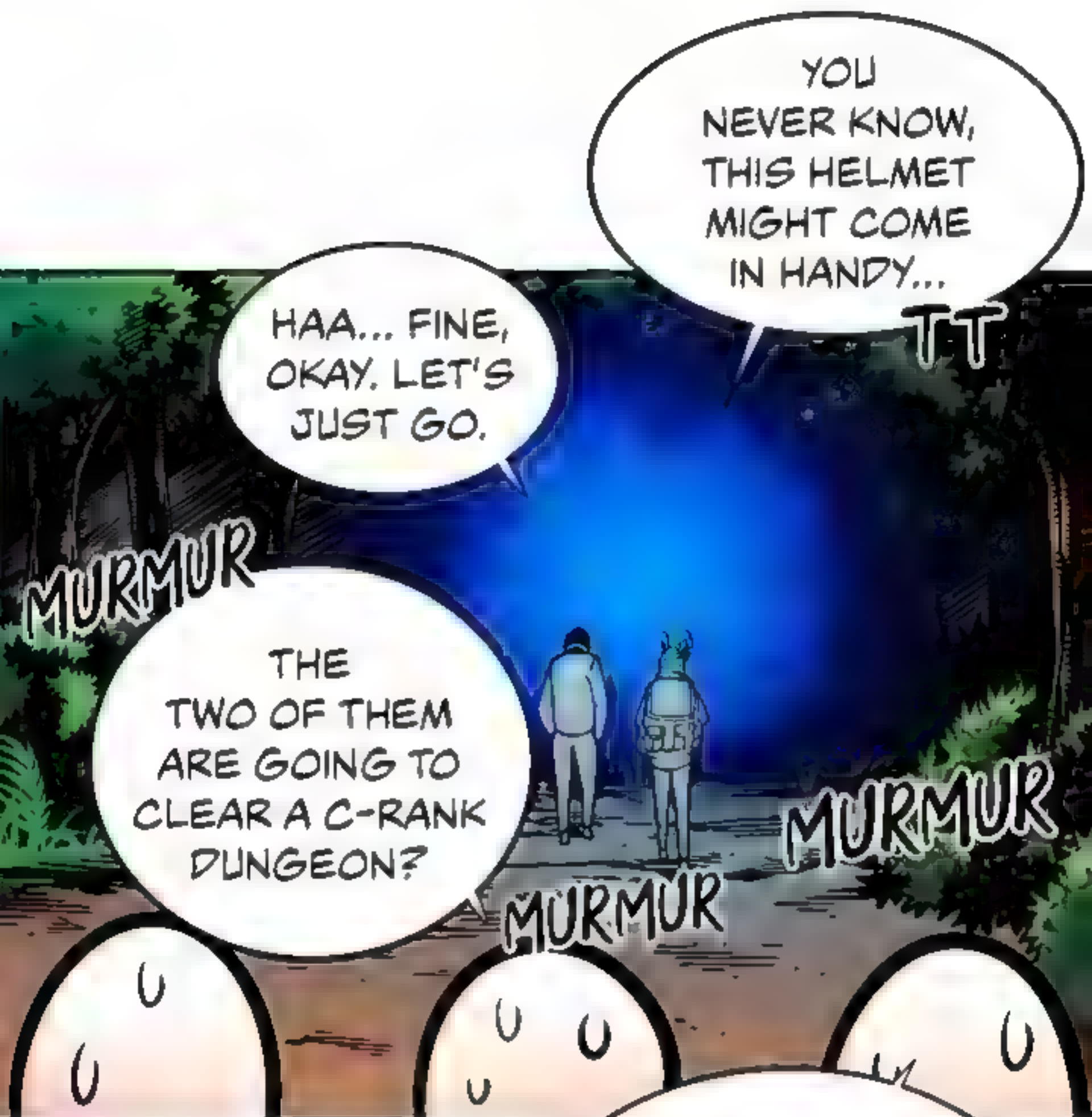


I'M GETTING NERVOUS...



WHAT THE...?

STOP ACTING ALL SERIOUS...



YOU NEVER KNOW, THIS HELMET MIGHT COME IN HANDY...

HAA... FINE, OKAY. LET'S JUST GO.

THE TWO OF THEM ARE GOING TO CLEAR A C-RANK DUNGEON?

THEY DON'T LOOK LIKE STRONG HUNTERS, THOUGH...

IF THEY'RE STRONG ENOUGH TO HANDLE A C-RANK GATE, WOULDN'T IT MAKE MORE SENSE FOR THEM TO JOIN A MAJOR GUILD AND CLEAR HIGHER-RANKING DUNGEONS?



WHAT HAPPENS IF THEY DIE?

WELL, WE'VE BEEN PAID ALREADY, SO...

THAT E-RANK
HUNTER, SLUNG
JINWOO. I KNOW
THAT GUY.

HUNTERS CALL
HIM "THE WEAKEST
HUNTER OF ALL
MANKIND."

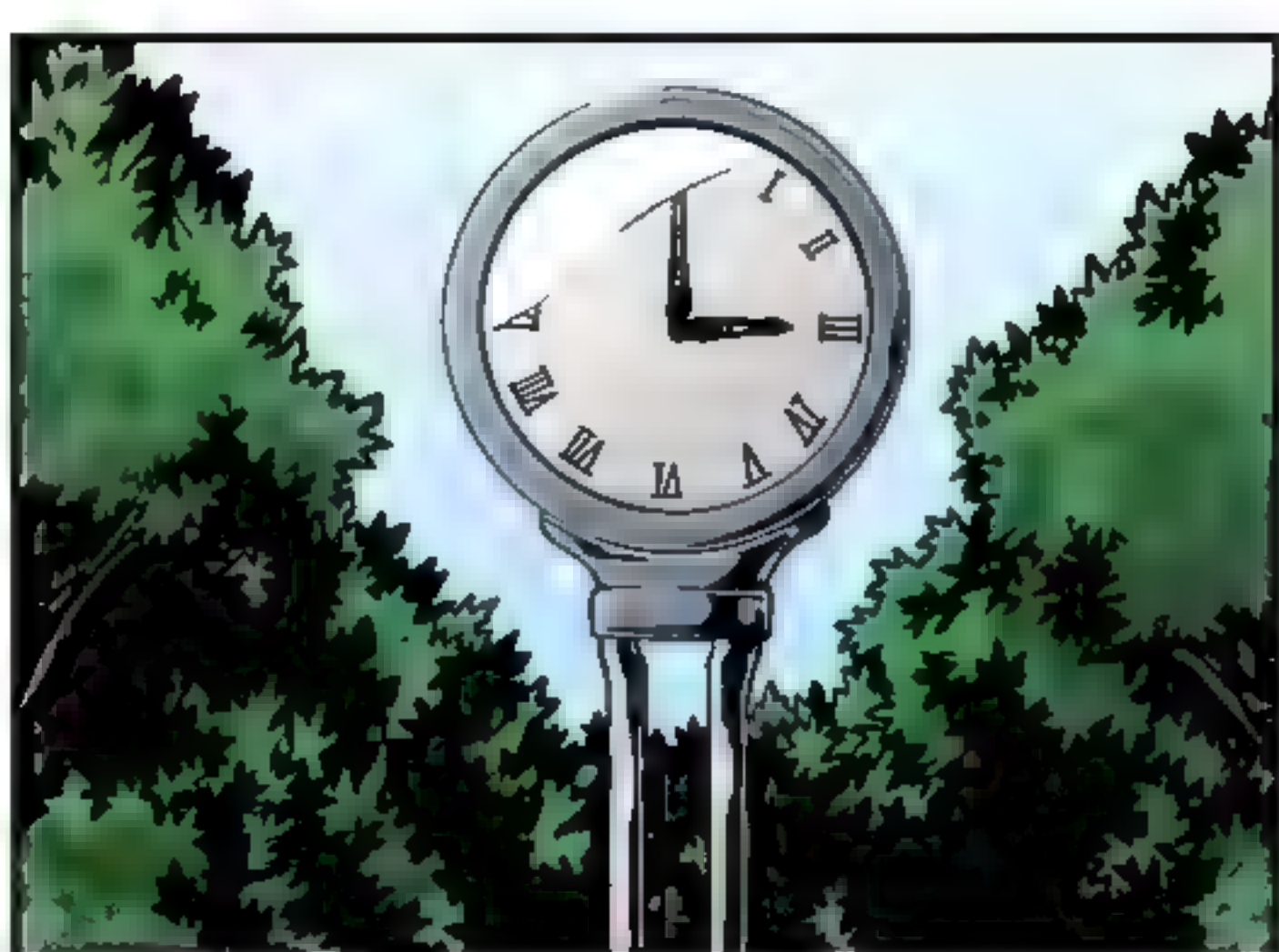
WHAT KIND
OF NICKNAME
IS THAT?

THE
SQUAD LEADER
IS A D-RANK,
THOUGH.

TSK, THEY'RE
JUST TRYING
TO ACT TOUGH,
THAT'S ALL.

HOO

YOU KNOW WHAT
THEY SAY. A YOUNG
MAN'S PRIDE WILL BE
THE DOWNFALL OF
MANY.





TH, THE GATE IS
CLOSING!



RUMBLE

WHAT THE! YOU
GUYS DEFEATED
THE B, BOSS?

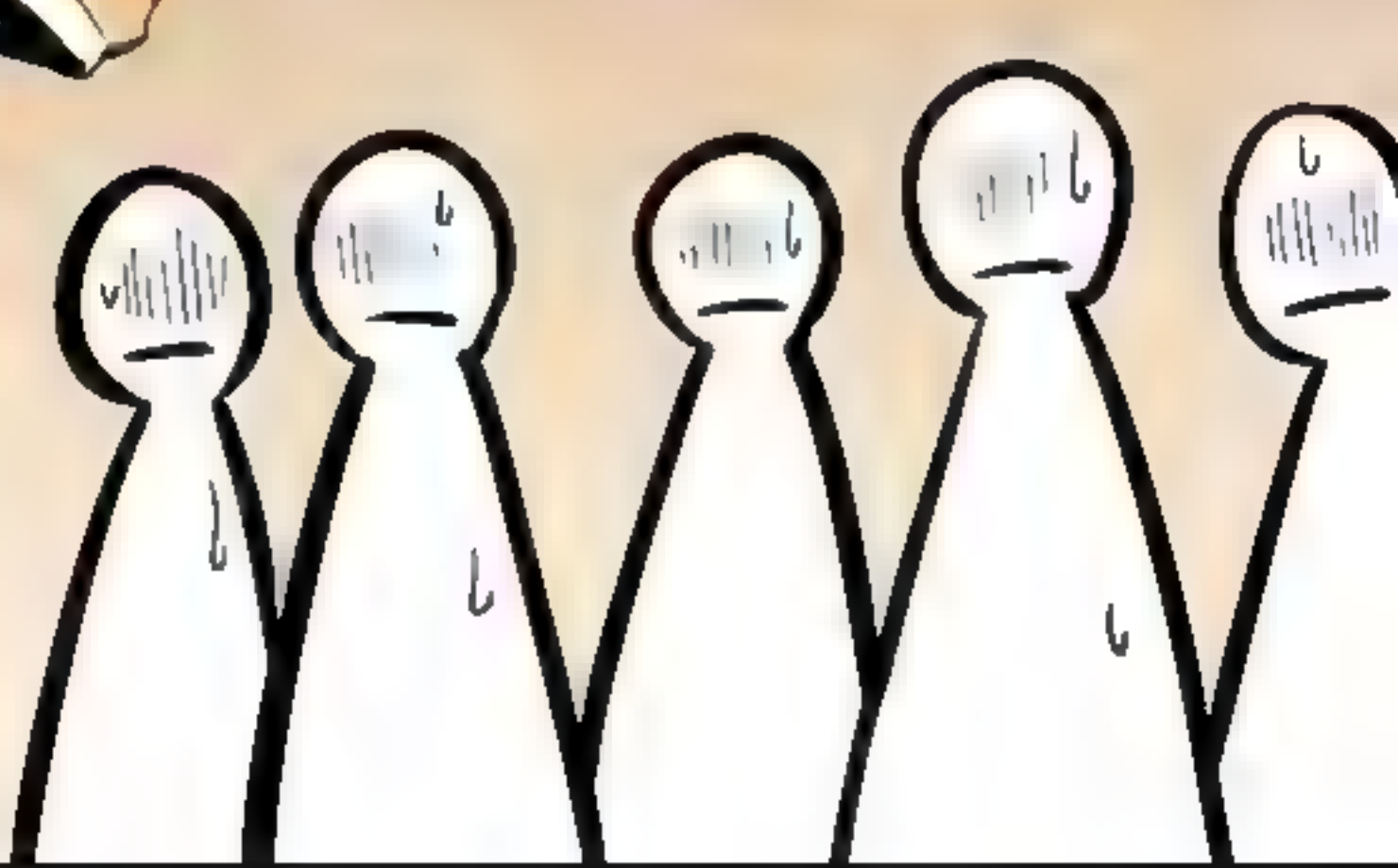
WHERE TO
NEXT?

THE NEXT
DUNGEON IS ABOUT
AN HOUR AWAY FROM
HERE, SIR.

LET'S
GET MOVING,
EVERYONE.

WE HAVE TO GET
THROUGH A TOTAL OF
THREE DUNGEONS
TODAY.

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THIS IS A
CHANCE FOR YOU TO
EARN NINE MILLION WON,
SO YOU'LL BE COMING
ALONG, RIGHT?

ER... UM, YES.
OF COURSE...

THEY JUST TORE
THROUGH A C-RANK
DUNGEON AND NOW
THEY WANT TO GO ON
ANOTHER RAID?

WHO ARE
THESE GUYS?!



WHITE TIGER
GUILD

T, TAKE A LOOK
AT THIS, SIR!

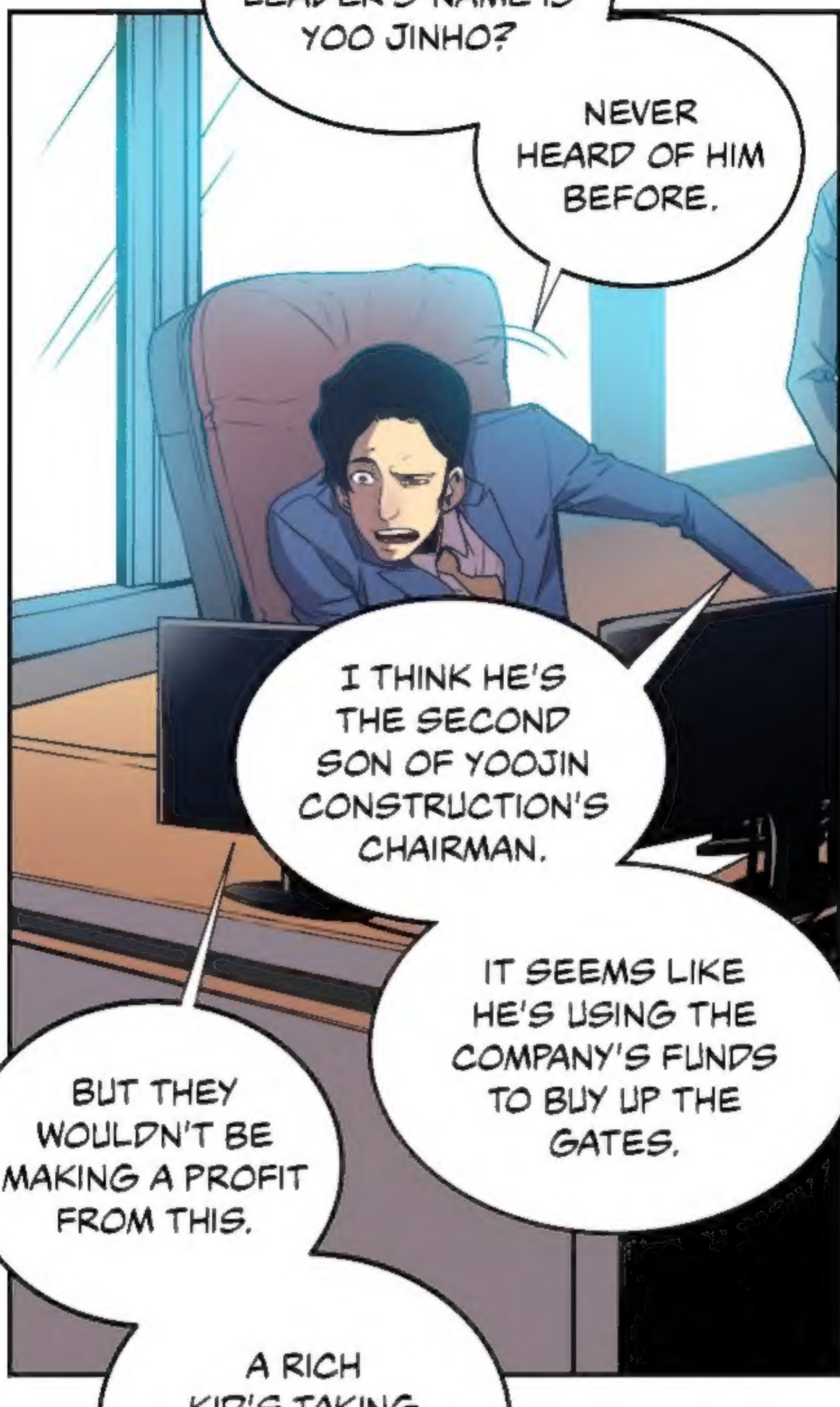
WHAT?!
250 MILLION WON?

THERE ARE
PEOPLE WILLING TO PAY
250 MILLION WON TO
ENTER A C-RANK
GATE?

THERE'S THIS TEAM
THAT'S BEEN BIDDING ON ALL
THE C-RANK GATES THE MOMENT
THEY APPEAR. BECAUSE OF THEM,
THERE HAVEN'T BEEN ANY GATES
LEFT FOR THE LOW-RANKING
HUNTERS IN OUR GUILD!

THE ORIGINAL
BIDDING PRICE WAS
70 MILLION WON, BUT WHEN
I RAISED IT TO 100 MILLION,
THEY BOUGHT THE GATE'S
ENTRY PERMIT FOR
250 MILLION.





THE SQUAD
LEADER'S NAME IS
YOO JINHO?

NEVER
HEARD OF HIM
BEFORE.

I THINK HE'S
THE SECOND
SON OF YOOJIN
CONSTRUCTION'S
CHAIRMAN.

IT SEEMS LIKE
HE'S USING THE
COMPANY'S FUNDS
TO BUY UP THE
GATES.

BUT THEY
WOULDN'T BE
MAKING A PROFIT
FROM THIS.

A RICH
KID'S TAKING
HIS HOBBY A BIT
TOO FAR.

!

KICHUL, SOMEONE
SURVIVED THE DOUBLE
DUNGEON INCIDENT FROM
A COUPLE MONTHS
AGO, RIGHT?

YES,
I'M PRETTY
SURE HIS NAME
WAS...

SUNG JINWOO.
IS THIS THE
GUY?

YES, IT IS.



THERE'S
SOMETHING...
FISHY ABOUT
THIS.



EVERYONE, STOP
WHAT YOU'RE DOING.
D-RANK HUNTER, YOO
JINHO, AND E-RANK
HUNTER, SUNG
JINWOO.

BRING ME ALL
THE INFORMATION
YOU CAN FIND ON
THESE GUYS!

RIGHT NOW!

To Be Continued...

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